

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, October 25, 2021, Live Teleconference Meeting  
401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Alcorn and roll call was taken.

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT:	ABSENT:	PRESENT TO DATE:
Jerry Alcorn	X		14
Travis Armstrong		X	12
Johnny Coladonato	X		12
Deiter Crawford	X		13
Jody Diaz	X		14
Michael Finland	X		2
Ellen Goodman	X		13
Susan Meyer	X		2
John Miraglia	X		6
Chris Spellman	X		2
Vacant			

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Justin Clifton, City Manager  
Jeannie Kays, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation  
Staci Schafer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities

III. **REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda for this meeting was posted at City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way; the Palm Springs Leisure Center, 401 S. Pavilion Way; and the City of Palm Springs' website prior to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, as required by established policies and procedures.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Action:** Approve the September 27, 2021, Minutes  
**Motion** by Commissioner Finland  
**Seconded** by Vice Chair Coladonato  
**Motion carried Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Noting the absence of Commissioner Armstrong**

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence was emailed to Commissioners prior to the meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

VII. STAFF UPDATES:

City Manager Justin Clifton: Discussed hiring of new director for Department of Parks and Recreation, wants to make improvements, explained the complexities of the City processes, and spoke about the City Council Strategic Plan. Stated that he looked forward to things looking better and recognized everyone's patience during this time.

Time was dedicated to Q & A with City Manager and Commissioners.

Director Staci Schafer: Discussed overseeding schedule at the parks, dog parks, Grants, Measure J projects, DCC A/C projects, gymnasium floors at JOJDHUC, restrooms, Downtown Park, and staffing.

Time was dedicated to Q & A with Director Schafer.

Interim Director Jeannie Kays: Shared updates from Don Uyeno, Engineer. Shared flyers for upcoming Halloween events and classes offered in Recreation department.

Director Schafer shared a picture of the new signs that will be posted at the ball fields.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

**1. ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTATION AND PROPOSAL FOR THE TOT STATUE AND RENOVATIONS AT FRANCIS STEVENS PARK:**

Director Kays introduced Tracy Merrigan, Chair for the Art Commission and Art Commissioner Gary Armstrong.

Chair Merrigan discussed the Art Commission wanting to communicate better with the Parks and Recreation Commission about projects.

Commissioner Armstrong expressed desire to work with Parks and Rec Commission as a liaison and meeting with other Commissioners for ideas for the Francis Stevens Park.

Group discussed the Tot project, bike racks, Spider project, Dog Park fencing, and the Rainmaker.

No Action Taken.

## 2. DISCUSSION ON PROJECT UPDATES:

Mentioned in Staff Updates.

No Action Taken.

## 3. REVIEW AND DISCUSS ADHOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINAL LIST FOR MEASURE J COMMISSION REVIEW:

Chair Alcorn presented the list that the AdHoc Committee had finalized.

Discussion was held on suggestions for City Hall and Demuth Dog Parks, Measure J Community Application, and what direction to take towards a motion.

It was decided that members of the Committee would prepare applications and the prices for the proposed items on the list, then bring back to the Commission for a motion and a vote so the applications could be submitted before the December deadline.

No Action Taken.

## 4. REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM ADHOC COMMITTEES:

The Sunrise Park AdHoc Committee will be meeting. Director Kays was invited to attend.

## IX. REPORTS AND REQUESTS.

- A. Commissioner Comments: This portion of the meeting is set aside for brief general comments, and/or issues or concerns from members of the Commission and/or items for future meetings.

**Vice Chair Coladonato:** Good meeting

**Commissioner Crawford:** (thumbs up)

**Commissioner Diaz:** (thumbs up)

**Commissioner Finland:** Good and productive meeting, wonderful experience seeing opening of Downtown Park.

**Commissioner Goodman:** Shout out to everyone, requested that the lighting at the fields be on the next agenda, complimented Chair Alcorn.

**Commissioner Meyer:** Formal protocols were discussed at last meeting, but looks like everything was resolved at this meeting with Arts Commission, suggested putting on a future Agenda that Commission creates guidelines for communication with other Commissions and Boards.

**Commissioner Miraglia:** Disappointed with lack of formal invitation for Downtown Park opening. Commissioner Diaz shared frustration with not having been invited as well. Commissioner Goodman suggested that Director Kays makes sure that Commissioners received the City Newsletter.

**Commissioner Spellman:** Stated his thoughts on communication, installation of art in parks should be the decision of the Commission because we oversee the parks.

**Chair Alcorn:** Remarked that the Downtown Park is beautiful, and that he enjoyed the opening.

**Action:** To adjourn and meet as a Commission on November 22, 2021, at our normal scheduled time.

**Motion** by Commissioner Miraglia  
**Seconded by** Vice Chair Coladonato  
**Motion carried** all in favor.

With no other business to attend, Chair Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, November 22, 2021, via a Zoom meeting facilitated from 401 S. Pavilion Way, Palm Springs, California, 92262.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Burns, Senior Secretary  
Department of Parks and Recreation